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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-107196, dated April 18, 2000, together with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,638,274 B2, issued to Yamamoto, dated October 28, 2003;

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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-178740, dated July 3, 2001, together with English translation; and
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-145633, dated May 29, 2001, together with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,616,660 B1, issued to Platt, dated September 9, 2003.

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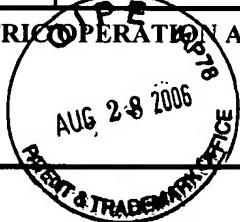
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